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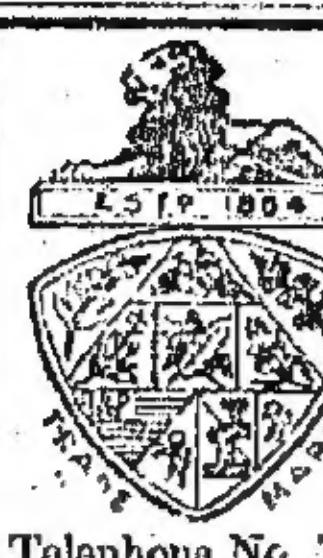
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BIRTH.

On the 10th April, at Elieandon, the Peak, the wife of ANDREW FORBES, of a daughter, [1859] MARRIAGES.

On the 5th April, at Yokohama, AGNES LACRINA BEATRICE, daughter of DAVID ROSS, F.E.I., B.A., of New Zealand, to WILLIAM EDWARD LAXON SWETT, of Kumamoto, son of the late Rev. L. E. SWETT, of Bathurst, Engln.d.

On the 5th April, at Tokyo, the Rev. JOHN THOMAS BRYAN, M.A., B.D., t. LUCY SILVER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. SILVER HALL, of Tokyo.

On the 6th April, at Yokohama, FRANCIS JAMES HALL, fourth son of the Rev. T. O. HALL, of Stretton Rectory, Oakham, England, to BEATRICE MAUD SUCKLING BARON, youngest daughter of the late Rev. W. J. BARON, of Withybrook Vicarage, Coventry, England.

DEATHS.

On the 10th April, at Cheltenham, Major W. H. GRESHAM.

On the 19th April, DAVID CURRIE, late of Greenock, Scotland, by Accident, at Quarry Bay, aged 35 years. Deeply regretted. Search papers please copy. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5 p.m.

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HONGKONG, 20TH APRIL, 1904

THAT absorbing question of the hour, the connection of Hongkong, through its hinterland, by rail with Canton and other towns of the Delta, has received a fresh impetus. The recent expeditions overland to Waichow have demonstrated very plainly that there is another way out of the New Territory than that selected by the projectors of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. They all report that there is a route over which it would be possible to lay a line of railway from the head of Mirs Bay to Waichow for a most modest outlay. This line would pass the town of Tamsui, through a fertile and populous district most of the way, and might, after crossing the East River, where, though broad, it is very shallow, bend westwards, following the banks of the waterway and, passing Shekloong, come to a terminus at Canton. This route would be practically devoid of all engineering difficulties except the construction of a bridge across the East River at Waichow. When we say this we do not allow for the connecting section from Kowloon to Mirs Bay. The latter portion might be made by the Colonial Government and need not be anything like so costly as the projected line from Tsingtao to Shantung. It would, we imagine, be possible to take the railway by a gentle rise to the 500-foot level and thence pierce the

hill, coming out at Shatin. From thence to Tsingtao there are no serious obstacles to overcome, and from Tsingtao to Sangchow would also prove an easy stretch. There would probably be little difficulty in securing a concession from the Chinese Government to make the railway from Mirs Bay to Waichow and from that city to Canton. This Colony would then be connected with the capital of Kwangtung by railway and could afford to regard with equanimity the dilatory proceedings of the British-Chinese Corporation. The feeling is growing stronger daily that if we have to wait for this Company to commence work we may go on waiting, not only until some other connection between the City of Rams and the coast is established, but, having regard to the remarks of the Chairman at the annual meeting in London of the China Association, to a date almost as indefinite as the Greek Kalends. The matter is of far too great importance to be left to the whim, or the convenience, or the financial exigencies of any Company, however enterprising or influential, and we consider it is vital a question that the Colonial Government should take it up in all earnestness and with a fixed determination to see it through. It is of course unfortunate that the concession to construct the Kowloon-Canton line should have been conferred upon a Company who either fear to invest capital in the enterprise or have been disappointed in the hope of obtaining a subsidy from Government towards the admittedly heavy cost of laying the line over a portion of the distance through the New Territory. But this fact ought not to be suffered to impair the prospects or check the progress of this important Colony, and action should be taken without further delay to save the situation. Sir HENRY BLAKE and Mr. JAMES SCOTT, the late Consul-General at Canton, both fully realised the importance of the question, and we believe Mr. MAY is equally earnest in endeavouring to bring the railway into the region of practical politics. The British Government has, however, as a matter of principle, laid it down that commercial enterprises such as the construction of railways in foreign states cannot be assisted by public moneys, and it has hitherto consistently refused to grant any such assistance to these undertakings. We trust, however, that in this instance an exception will be made, because of the exceptional circumstances existing. The railway so far as it runs on foreign soil requires no aid from Government, but the section bringing it through British territory presents such considerable engineering obstacles as must necessarily render this portion a costly work, and for the sake of encouraging effort and securing the communication the Colonial Government should be permitted either to guarantee the dividend on this section, to give it a subsidy, or to undertake the construction of the line itself. It must not be forgotten, in our natural indignation at the apparent apathy of the British concessionaries, that capitalists cannot be expected to make railways out of mere patriotism; there must also be a reasonable prospect of such an undertaking proving remunerative. It is for the colonists now to speak their minds definitely on this great and burning question. The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is advertised to be held on the 27th instant, on which occasion the Chairman usually reviews at more or less length the events of the commercial year. We trust that this question will receive all the prominence it merits, and that the Chamber, though of a more or less cosmopolitan character, will speak out in no uncertain terms. Time is running on, and 1904 seems likely to pass, like the previous five years, without any decisive action being taken on this momentous subject.

Some 23 vessels arrived at Hongkong on Monday. This is an exceptionally large number.

Mr. James Hutchison, of Goomtee Estate, Darjeeling, has been selected by the Indian Tea Association as the deputation to visit Formosa, leaving immediately.

The first English Railway Company to operate electrically a main line of railway is the Lancashire and Yorkshire Company which has "electrified" the Liverpool, Southport and Crossens line, a total of 21 miles of double track road.

A number of Japanese residents at New York, members of the Buddhist Alliance, are endeavouring to collect enough funds for the erection of a Buddhist temple in that city. A site has been chosen, and over £4,000 has been subscribed.

Baron Mitsui, a wealthy Japanese trader, has given £2,000 for the foundation of a chair of Japanese history at the Paris University.

The cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week were:—Plague, 3 (Chinese, all fatal); enteric fever, 2 (European); small-pox, 5 (Chinese, 1 imported, 2 fatal).

Inspector McNab of the Hongkong Police, leaves for home on a well-earned pension next month, after serving no less than 24 years in the Force. Three of these were spent in Glasgow and 10 in Hongkong. In 1885 seven men were required for the Hongkong Police, and Inspector McNab, at that time a young constable, was chosen as one of them. He arrived at Victoria in due course, and worked himself up to his present position with an absolutely clean sheet. He is in spite of his two dozen years of wear and tear, still a young man, and will, no doubt, enjoy many years on his pension.

The band performance by the musicians from the German cruiser *Hansa* in the Botanic Gardens yesterday evening was a great success. A fair number had assembled by 5 o'clock, when the first item on the programme was given, and as time went on quite a large assemblage gathered, ladies forming the majority among the European section. The music was very much appreciated, and, though at first the applause might have been more marked, toward the end, when the audience had increased in number, no complaint could be made on this score. The *Hansa* deserves hearty thanks of the Hongkong public. It is to be hoped that this will not be the only band performance in the Gardens this summer.

We have received recently some further parts of Mr. Wm. Heinemann's "Great Masters" series of photogravure reproductions from the finest works by famous painters down to the year 1800. Each picture has a descriptive text by Sir Martin Conway, giving all details necessary to be known. The parts contain four photogravures each and cost five shillings, at which they are extraordinary cheap. The eleventh part reached us by the last French mail. It is to find Van Dyck charming "Philip, Fourth Baron Wharton," from the Hermitage Gallery, S. Petersburg; Botticelli's "Virgin and Child, with Angels," from Berlin; a Rembrandt, and a Hopper. We know of no reproduction of a similar class except at vastly larger prices. 25 parts will complete the series.

DROWNING FATALITY IN HONG-KONG HARBOUR.

At muster on Sunday evening, when police-men had collected to answer the roll-call, Indian Constable No. 669 was absent. He was not to be found at his quarters at that time, nor did he return later. Next day his body was found by the Water Police floating in the Harbour and conveyed to the Morgue. From investigations it appears that deceased went to Kennedy Town on Sunday afternoon to visit his brother, employed as a watchman there. After spending some time conversing with other Indians, the indispensable bubble-bubble being passed around, the brothers left Kennedy Town at half-past six. On arriving at Queen's Road West they parted, each going their respective ways, and the constable brother taking a ricksha. The movements of deceased could not be further traced. There were no marks of violence on the corpse.

PAPAL DELEGATE IN HONGKONG

Archbishop John Guidi, Papal Delegate to the Philippines, arrived at Hongkong by the China Manila s.s. *Zefiro*, and was met by a launch of Roman Catholic priests. Monsignor Guidi is a man of some 52 summers, and was dressed on this occasion in cassock and biretta hat, wearing a heavy gold chain and crucifix around his neck. He is accompanied by his Secretary, Father O'Connor, an Englishman in spite of his name. They are at present being entertained by Bishop Piazzoli, but leave for Macao shortly, the King of Portugal having given orders to the Government of that colony to prepare the Government House of Flores for him. Archbishop Guidi is an eminent prelate now to speak their minds definitely on this great and burning question. The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is advertised to be held on the 27th instant, on which occasion the Chairman usually reviews at more or less length the events of the commercial year. We trust that this question will receive all the prominence it merits, and that the Chamber, though of a more or less cosmopolitan character, will speak out in no uncertain terms. Time is running on, and 1904 seems likely to pass, like the previous five years, without any decisive action being taken on this momentous subject.

The following cards were returned at the meeting held at the Happy Valley from the 10th to the 18th April:

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Mr. W. J. Gresson ... 91 — 14 = 77
Mr. J. Rodgers ... 93 — 16 = 77
Dr. R. Gibson ... 90 — 12 = 78
Mr. G. C. Moxon ... 98 — 18 = 80
Mr. T. S. Forrest ... 79 + 2 = 81
Mr. H. C. Sandford ... 101 — 18 = 83
Mr. J. Johnstone ... 89 — 5 = 84
Mr. T. C. Gray ... 100 — 16 = 84
Mr. C. H. Grace ... 99 — 14 = 85
Mr. W. Taylor ... 104 — 18 = 86
Mr. D. Sytle ... 108 — 18 = 90

30 entries.

POOL.

Mr. G. C. Moxon ... 96 — 18 = 80
Mr. T. S. Forrest ... 79 + 2 = 81
Mr. W. D. Kraft ... 97 — 15 = 82
Mr. E. V. D. Parr ... 93 — 10 = 83
Mr. J. Johnstone ... 89 — 5 = 84
Mr. T. C. Gray ... 100 — 16 = 84
Mr. C. M. G. Burrow ... 97 — 1 = 96

21 entries.

BOWLING.

The first half of the Bowling match, Hongkong Club v. Club Germania, for the Challenge Shield was rolled off on the alleys of the two clubs yesterday evening, the score being as follows, the first figures representing the points on the Hongkong Club alleys:

Hongkong Club ... 2,934 + 2,762 = 5,746

German Club ... 2,527 + 2,800 = 5,327

TELEGRAMS.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE SUNKEN SUBMARINE.

RAISED AND DOCKED.

LONDON, 19th Apr., 11 a.m.—The submarine A 1, which was sunk through collision with a Cape liner, has been raised and docked.

THE MAD MULLAH.

OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED.

LONDON, 19th Apr., 11 a.m.—It is officially announced in Parliament that owing to the escape of the Mullah into Italian territory operations have been discontinued.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LONDON, 17th April.—It is reported in S. Petersburg that two Japanese officers, disguised as Lamas, have been caught in an endeavour to destroy the bridge over the river Nen, and brought to Harbin.

THE BALKANS.—UNREST

INCREASING.

LONDON, 17th April.—Turkey is sending troops to Metrovitz, Albania, in response to an Austrian concentration on the frontier. Greek bands are active in Macedonia; one band attacked and killed 18 Turkish tax-gatherers.

ARMY NOTES.

During the next month a detachment will be sent from Hongkong to the North, to relieve time-expired men of the Tientsin Detachment. Of the details that arrived from the West on Sunday 152 were Sherwood Foresters.

SERGT.-MAJOR POWER.

A rather vague telegram has been received in the Colony, from the son of Sgt.-Major Power, of the Hongkong Volunteers, to the effect that his father is lost. Mr. Power, junior, an employee of the Chinese Customs Service, is now at Amoy.

LAWN TENNIS.

The annual Lawn Tennis match between the Ladies' Recreation Club and the H.K.C.C. will be played on the ground of the latter this afternoon, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

The following will represent their respective Clubs:

L.R.C.—E. R. Halifax and H. W. Slade, H. Pinckney and E. J. Grist, Lieut. H. W. Smith, R.A. and Capt. Boyd, R.A.

H.K.C.C.—Dr. Atkinson and T. Sercombe Smith, Dr. Martin, R.N., and C. A. Parker, R.N., Humphreys and R. Hancock.

By kind permission of the Colonel and Officers, the Band of the Sherwood Foresters will be in attendance during the afternoon, and the members of the H.K.C.C. will be "at home" to the ladies of Hongkong.

Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, the president of the Hongkong Cricket League, has kindly consented to present the Shield and medals to the victorious Club, in the past seasons, namely the A.O.C., on the Cricket Ground to-day after the tennis match.

NAVAL NOTES.

The new crew selected at the Medway Depôt for the surveying vessel *Ranier*, Com. C. E. Munro, embarked on board the P. & O. steamer *Marmora* at the Royal Albert Docks on the 19th ult. for conveyance to Hongkong, where the *Ranier* will be recommissioned. The *Marmora* connected at Colombo with the *Chusan*, due here on Friday next.

A number of marines have been stationed at Olongapo, Philippine Islands. Rear-Admiral Robley E. Evans, when commanding the United States Asiatic station, urgently recommended to the department that Olongapo be made a naval station, and furthermore that a large number of marines be constantly kept at Olongapo that they could be readily utilised for any emergency that might arise from complications in the Far East which would put in jeopardy American interests.

The German Emperor has presented the Reichstag with a second supplementary table showing the new British warships, battleships, and first and second class cruisers.

The Portuguese battleship *Vasco da Gama* arrived from Macao (whether she arrived from Europe on Sunday) at about 10:30 yesterday morning, and leaves for Shanghai shortly. The *Vasco da Gama* is the only battleship in the Portuguese Navy. She has a displacement tonnage of 3,020 metric tons, length 233 ft. beam 40 ft., and draught 18 ft. She was built at Leghorn between the years 1876 and 1878 at a cost of £132,000. Her armour consists of 9-in. belt, 3-in. deck, 9-in. side above belt, and 7-in. at gun positions. She has two 9-in. guns, four 4.7-in., two 2.5-in., two 1-in. machine guns, and two torpedo-tubes. She can steam 15 knots. Her complement is 218. She formed part of the Portuguese squadron in the Far East many years ago.

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WAR NOTES.

THE YALU SKIRMISH.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber. Present:-

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, F. H. MAY, C.M.G.

HIS EXCELLENTY MAJOR-GENERAL VILLIERS HATTON, C.B. (Commanding the Troops).

Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Acting Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Sir H. S. BERKELEY (Attorney-General).

Hon. L. A. M. JOHNSTON (Acting Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

Hon. Captain L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. P. N. H. JONES (Acting Director of Public Works).

Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, C.M.G.

Hon. W. A. YUE.

Hon. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Mr. R. F. JOHNSTON (Acting Clerk of Councils).

NEW MEMBER.

Hon. P. N. H. Jones, Acting Director of Public Works, took the oath and assumed his seat as a member of Council.

FINANCIAL.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 21 to 23) and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 4), and moved its adoption.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the following sessional papers:- Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1903; tropical diseases research, financial returns for the year 1903, returns of the Subordinate Court for the year 1903, report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the Colony of Hongkong for the year 1903, and Blue Book for the year 1903.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—Your Excellency, I beg to give notice that I shall ask certain questions at next meeting of Council of which I gave notice on Friday last. I understand the Government is not prepared to answer these questions now. I beg to give notice that I shall ask them at next meeting.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—The clerk has the questions?

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—Yes.

EMPLOYMENT OF PILOTS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for and regulate the Employment of Pilots. He said—The object of this Bill is to provide for the exercising of control over persons who practise as pilots in the waters of the Colony. There is at present, I understand, a so-called pilot service, but the men who fly for hire as pilots are not licensed or qualified in the sense of having passed under examination or had the approval of any person competent to say whether the man offering his services as a pilot knows the proper thing to do. In one sense it may be said that a place like this does not require pilots; the navigation is open, there is nothing intricate outside of the Colony, and there is no need to have pilots to bring ships into Hongkong or take them out. But apparently the Harbour is so extremely crowded and the difficulties of finding their berths so considerable, that the Government has been approached by the shipping community and asked to provide some safeguard that persons who offer themselves as pilots within the waters of the Colony shall know what to do. That application was considered, with the result that this Bill has been brought in. There is no compulsion for anyone to take the pilot, nor by taking the pilot to exempt a ship that takes him from any consequences that may occur—a collision or otherwise. Government accepts absolutely no responsibility in the matter. People are free to take the pilot or not as they please. What the Government wants to do is to see that no one shall offer his services as a pilot who is not reasonably considered to be capable of performing the duties of a pilot. I think, though the measure is a new one, it will be found useful in its application.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill and considered it clause by clause, only a few minor amendments being made.

On the Council resuming, the Bill was read a third time and passed on the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

HILL RESERVATION.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Reservation of a Residential Area in the Hill District. He said—Sir, the necessity for this measure and the expediency of passing such a measure is, I think, very clearly if succinctly and shortly stated in the objects and reasons appended to the ordinance itself. It will be found stated there that “The reservation of this district is desirable in order that a healthy place of residence may be preserved for all those who are accustomed to a temperate climate and to whom life in the tropics presents the disadvantage of unnatural environment.” Of course, it is known to everyone that all persons of European

birth and extraction are liable to and do suffer more or less when they are obliged to live continuously under conditions of temperature and environment which are to them unnatural—conditions of life such as are to be found in all tropical countries, and which are at all times trying to those who are forced to live in the lower levels of tropical places. But that inconvenience and that danger which exist everywhere are accentuated in this island of Hongkong by the necessity which arises from the restricted area which compels the dense population to live together closely crowded. It is undesirable as far as I can see that the lower levels should be under this unnatural necessity, which is due to the fact of the restrictions in which thousands have to live where there is only room for hundreds. Now this fact is due to this other fact: that this continued influx into Hongkong is simply enormous, attracted here as they are by the fact that they possess security to life and property to a greater extent than can be obtained elsewhere in the East. Well, Sir, we welcome the Chinese who like to come here, and put no limit upon their numbers. But it is not possible to reserve within the area that is below the line which is ordinarily known as the 700 feet contour that limit within which the conditions of healthy life can be found as a rule. We want many people to come here and live and trade and promote the prosperity of themselves and the country if they choose to come. We, at the same time, wish and everyone, I think, in this honourable council, or outside of it, wishes to preserve at the same time the greatest area capable of being inhabited without close crowding which in all countries is detrimental, but especially so in tropical countries, as this one is. This crowding goes on every day, and will continue to go on. The vast majority of the people who come here—Chinese people, at all events—have never lived on the upper levels about the 700 feet contour, and therefore the Government in casting about for an area that is desirable and necessary for a reservation area have determined upon fixing on a locality which has never hitherto been occupied by Chinese. Therefore, we propose by this Bill to reserve an area within the Peak limit which will be free from the speculative builder, because as the pressure goes on from year to year it may come to pass that houses that have not so far existed there—tenement houses—may in future find their way to the Peak. It may be more convenient for the speculator in building and letting houses, instead of going over to Kowloon side to go up to the Peak, and conditions would be created so that the Chinese would be compelled to live there and introduce the conditions that are undesirable, and which now exist below. Therefore, I say that those who support the proposition that it is desirable, if possible, that the area I have referred to should be reserved will, no doubt, say that the best place to choose is the place we have chosen; that is, the Peak District. Therefore, the Government has decided to ask the Council to pass the Bill. Of course, it is obvious to anyone who reads this Bill even casually that it is by no means to perforce the Chinese would be compelled to live there and introduce the conditions that are undesirable, and which now exist below. 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FRIDAY, 22ND APRIL, AT 9 P.M. SHARP.

SPECIALLY FINE PROGRAMME.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1053]

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS.

FULL line of samples may be seen at 53, Des Voeux Road, where our Representative has established himself. He will accept orders for all our brands of Cigars at Factory Prices.

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS.

Havana and Manila.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1054]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITY that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Lyemau (Pak-shan-wan Battery), on the night of the 26th APRIL, 1904, in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay, at ranges from 600 to 2,000 yards, commencing about 7.15 P.M. and finishing about 9.30 P.M., if the range is clear.

If the weather is unfavourable, practice will not take place.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1904. [1055]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

TUESDAY,

the 26th APRIL, 1904, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon,

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

On view from Monday, the 25th April, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1056]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 22nd inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1057]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED,

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"HYSON"

are hereby notified that the cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 20th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 25th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [1058]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

OF

DENTISTRY.

DE, M. H. CHAUN,

27, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [1044]

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THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sundays excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods

W.M. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [57]

DAVID CORSAK & SONS MERCHANT NAVY BOILED ONG FLAX CANVAS RELIANCE CROWN TARPAULING ARNHOLD KARBERG & CO. Sole Agents.

AMOY ENGINEERING CO., LTD., AMOY CALL FLAG E.

REPAIR WORK to Steamers and Launches. Castings in Brass and Iron. Moderate charges. Work solicited.

J. D. EDWARDS,

Manager.

Amoy, 3rd December, 1903. [78]

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NOTICE.

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By Order,

G. FRIESLAND,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [1059]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1904, at 5.30 P.M. at the CHAMBER ROOM, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the Committee's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1903, electing the Committee for the ensuing year and transacting general business.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1904. [1046]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 30th APRIL instant, at 4 P.M.

By Order,

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Hongkong, 13th April, 1904. [1040]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [50]

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [74]

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ARRIVALS.

April 18, HYSON, British str., 4,862, Davies, Singapore 11th April, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
April 18, NESS, British str., 1,963, H. Peart, Cardiff 5th March, Coal.—DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
April 19, AMARA, British str., 1,565, C. J. Mattock, Saigon 16th April, Rice, Flour, Cotton, Seed.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
April 19, ECLIPSE, British cruiser, 5,500, Stokes, Singapore 14th April.
April 19, GIANG BEY, British str., 1,193, Dunlop, Sourabaya 11th April, Sugar and General—CHINESE.
April 19, HANYANG, British str., 1,205, R. D. Caswell, Shanghai 15th April, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
April 19, KIAOWOO, German str., from Canton.
April 19, OSCAR II, Norw. str., 2,000, Olsen, Moji 13th April, Coal.—M. B. KAISHA.
April 19, SABEN, German str., 998, F. Rehwaldt, Kielshing and Bangkok 13th April, Rice and Timber.—MELCHERS & CO.
April 19, VASCO DA GAMA, Portuguese cruiser, 3,030, Manuel Vasco do Carvalho, Lisbon 21st Feb. and Macao 19th April.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HONGKONG MASTER'S OFFICE.

19th April.

Armenia, German str., for Shanghai.
Clauder, British str., for Yokohama.
Conrie, British str., for Foochow.
Johanne, German str., for Swatow.
Kanei, British str., for Swatow.
Ness, British str., for Sasbo.
Petrach, German str., for Chefoo.
Phra C. Kiao, German str., for Kobe.
Promo, German str., for Iloilo.
Queen Louise, British str., for Rangoon.

DEPARTURES.

18th April.

ALGERINE, British sloop, for Yangtze.

19th April.

AN PHO, British str., for Saigon.

CARL BLEIDLEICHEN, Ger. str., for Haiphong.

CHUNSHAN, British str., for Bangkok.

GREGORY APGAR, British str., for Calcutta.

HAILOONG, British str., for Tamsui.

HANGCHOW, British str., for Shanghai.

HANOI, French str., for Haiphong.

KELVIN, British str., for Nagasaki.

MATILDE, German str., for Swatow.

POLYNSIEN, French str., for Shanghai.

PROGRESS, German str., for Swatow.

SALAZIE, French str., for Europe.

THINAN, British str., for Kobe.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

19th April.

ABEEDREN DOCKS.—Tawhon.

KIALOON DOCKS.—H. I. G. M. S. Moewa,

Lan Tan, Atheneum, Adamastor, Taksang, San

Francisco, Arcadale, Kinshau, Hasian.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Nausuan, Clavering.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

April 1, Gorma n.sir, Sonnenfeld, Arzel, April, from Batavia for Hamburg.

April 1, Dutch str., Java, Visser, April 1, from Batavia for Ijilatap.

April 5, Dutch str., Leiden, Edmandson, Eeb, 12, from Amsterdam via Djedda, for Batavia.

April 5, Gorma str., Dutenburg, Maier, from Ijilatap for Batavia.

April 6, Dutch str., Lawoo, Moijer, April 6, from Batavia for Rotterdam.

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LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Thursday, August 4th
SHAWMUT	9,606	W. M. Smith	Thursday, September 1st
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	Saturday, October 1st

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H. A. HALSDSEN	April, at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	WEDNESDAY, 27th
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M. STRUVE	SUNDAY, 1st
T. BRANDT	May, at 10 A.M.

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STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES
SUEVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG
Capt. von Döhren	On 25th April. Freight.
ARTEMISIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG
Capt. Gronmeyer	On 12th May. Freight.
MARBERG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 10th May.
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LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 24th May.
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SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 22nd April.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY		
ISLAND, COOTKOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 23rd April.
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All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 25th April, at 3 P.M.

No fire insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1904.

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THE HONG KONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST FOR 1904.

NOVEMBER.

THE DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE FOR CHINA, JAPAN, COREA, INDO-CHINA, SIAM, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, MALAY STATES, NETHERLANDS INDIA, PHILIPPINES, BORNEO, &c., WITH WHICH ARE INCORPORATED THE CHINA DIRECTORY.

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PLAN OF YOKOHAMA

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PLAN OF FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS, TIENSIN

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Daly and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
The *Siberia*, with the American mail, left Shanghai on Monday, the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here today.
The *Crescent* with the English mail of 25th March, left Singapore on Sunday the 17th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on Friday the 22nd inst., at about noon. This packet brings replies despatched from Hongkong on the 23rd February.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

	PER	DATE.
Carton.....		Wednesday, 20th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok.....		Wednesday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Anping.....		Wednesday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Rangoon.....		Wednesday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.).....		Printed Matter and Samples..... 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents).....		Registration..... 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Macao.....		Letters..... 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Meji, Kobe and Yokohama.....		Wednesday, 20th, 12.15 P.M.
Saigon.....		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila.....		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Hangchow, Yokohama and Kobe.....		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy.....		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Saigon.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Saigon.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Macau.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Colombo and Bombay.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Chinkiang and Wuhan.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy, Saigon and Foochow.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Meji.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Hongkong.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Taipeh.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Tai Chin.....		Wednesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
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Bank Bills, on demand.....	220	STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.
Credits, 60 days' sight.....	224	April 5th—Pera, Theodosiopolis, Myrina, Mytilene, Dardanelles, Samsun, Gerasa, Edreia, Otracina, Erzurum, Trebizond, Trabzon, Verona, Utica, Ross, Segesta, Agrigentum, Pantelleria, Socotra, Sunda, Schiopetra, 15th—Courtfield, Calcutta, Sydney, Tenchai, Boracay, Indramayu, Silvercup.
ON NEW YORK.—		ARRIVALS AT HOME.
Bank Bills, on demand.....	424	April 5th—Seydel, Toidor, Hudson, Kentucky, 8th—Australia, 9th—Port Moresby, 12th—C. Ford, Lae, Keemun, 13th—Palau, 15th—Radevorsk.
Credits, 60 days' sight.....	434	SOVEREIGN'S BANK'S BUYING RATE.
ON BOMBAY.—		April 5th—Sovereign's Bank's buying rate \$11.90 per £100 fine per cent. £5.49 per £100.
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ON SHANGHAI.—		Bank, at sight..... 722
Private, 30 days' sight.....	724	Bank, at sight..... 722
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	Bank, at sight..... 861
ON MANILA.—	On demand	Nominal.
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	105.
ON HAIFONG.—	On demand	24 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	2 p.m. p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	63
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GOLD LEAD, 100 fine, per ton	\$5.49	GOLD LEAD, 100 fine, per ton
BAE SILVER, 900 oz.	244	BAE SILVER, 900 oz.
OPPIUM.		
18th April.		Quotations are:— Allowance not to carry.
Maiwa New.....	\$1000	to \$1040 per picul.
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Maiwa Older.....	\$1120	to \$1160.
Maiwa V. Old.....	\$1180	to \$1220.
Perian fine quality.....	\$90	to —
Perian extra fine.....	\$96	to —
Patna New.....	\$1340	to — per chest.
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Banaras New.....	\$1340	to —
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VESSELS EXPECTED.		
THE AMERICAN MAIL.		
The P.M. steamer <i>Siberia</i> left Shanghai for this port on the morning of the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., and is due here on the 20th inst., at 3 p.m.		
The P.M. steamer <i>Korea</i> left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 15th inst.		
THE ENGLISH MAIL.		
The P. & O. steamer <i>Cherson</i> left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 22nd inst., at noon.		
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CHINESE STEAMERS.		
The P. & O. steamer <i>Dance</i> left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst., at 6 a.m.		
The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Prometheus</i> is due here on the 22nd inst.		
POST OFFICE NOTICES.		
Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Daly and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.		
The <i>Siberia</i> , with the American mail, left Shanghai on Monday, the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here today.		
The <i>Crescent</i> with the English mail of 25th March, left Singapore on Sunday the 17th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on Friday the 22nd inst., at about noon. This packet brings replies despatched from Hongkong on the 23rd February.		
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Carton.....		Wednesday, 20th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok.....		Wednesday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Anping.....		Wednesday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
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Queen Louise.....		Wednesday, 20th, 12.15 P.M.
Empress of India.....		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Hainan.....		Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
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